

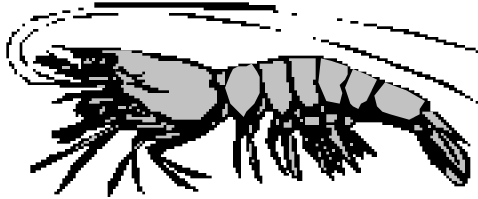


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RECREATIONAL SHRIMPING REGULATIONS

Recreational Shrimping:

Definition: The taking or attempting to take shrimp for bait or non-commercial purposes by use of a trawl **16' or less as measured along the main top line.**

License:

A \$16.00 boat license is required. (Non-residents pay the same fee as that charged Alabama residents to conduct the same activity in the applicant's state of residence except Mississippi pays the same as Alabama residents).

Season:

Set by regulation. Prohibited in permanently closed areas. Allowed only in areas open to commercial shrimping and areas designated by law as exclusive saltwater bait areas.

Legal Size:

No restrictions.

Gallons Allowed:

In areas open to commercial shrimping, 5 gallons of shrimp with heads on per person per day. In exclusive saltwater bait areas, 1 gallon of shrimp with heads on **per boat** per day. Licensed recreational shrimp boats taking **crabs** in waters open to commercial shrimping are limited to **no more than one 5-gallon container of legal size crabs in possession per boat.**

Trawl Size:

Not to exceed 16 feet as measured along the main top line.

Mesh Size:

No restrictions.

Other:

It is unlawful for any person to drag any net, seine, or trawl over public or private oyster reefs. Commercially licensed boats cannot shrimp in exclusive bait areas. It is unlawful to retain a redfish or speckled trout caught with a trawl. It is unlawful to discard dead fish or other dead seafoods within 500 feet of any shoreline or into the waters of the Gulf of Mexico within 3 miles of the Gulf beaches (including Pelican Bay). The use of any trawl (s) is prohibited in waters closed to shrimping.

The use of any trawl or trawls, or the taking of shrimp by any means, in any area closed to commercial shrimping is hereby expressly prohibited.

PERMANENTLY CLOSED AREAS
(SHRIMP TAKEN BY ANY METHOD SHALL NOT BE RETAINED)

1. All rivers *, streams, bayous and creeks within the State (except Bayou St. John, Old River in Baldwin County and that portion of Blakely River designated by law as an exclusive bait shrimp area). * The mouth of the **Mobile River** is defined as a line running from the southernmost point of Pinto Island due west to a point on the mainland. The mouth of the **Blakely River** is defined as a line running westward from the charted position of the Blakely River channel marker #20 to a point of intersection with land on the southern tip of Big Island.
2. All of Portersville Bay inside a line running from Barron Point west along the south shores of Cat and Marsh Island then west to the south end of Coffee Island (Isle aux Herbes) then north along the western shore of Coffee Island to a point on the mainland directly north of the northernmost tip of Coffee Island.
3. Heron Bay and that portion of Mississippi Sound north of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and east of a line extending from Barron Point on Mon Louis Island southeasterly to range marker "D" on the Intracoastal Waterway.
4. All of Weeks Bay.
5. Theodore Industrial Canal.
6. Bon Secour Bay within 2500 ft. of the mouth of Weeks Bay.
7. All waters north of the Battleship Parkway.

Note: Indian Bay and Lafitte Bay bottoms (Dauphin Island) are privately owned and may be closed to shrimping.

EXCLUSIVE SALTWATER BAIT AREAS
(Areas open only to licensed recreational shrimping and live saltwater bait dealers)
(Shrimp may only be taken from these exclusive areas from 4:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

Baldwin County

1. **Wolf Bay:** that area encompassing the water within the boundary from the south shore of Wolf Bay northward to Beacon #86 on the north side of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway then westward along the north side of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway to Beacon #94 then south across the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway to the south shore of Wolf Bay
2. **Oyster Bay:** that area encompassing the waters of Oyster Bay except those waters north of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.
3. **Pt. Clear:** waters inside a line starting from shore running west along the southern edge of Pt. Clear Channel to the Pt. Clear Beacon, then to the northwest piling at Zundel's Reef, then terminating at shore. Seasonal, from Jan. 1 to June 30 of each year.
4. **Blakely River:** that area encompassing those waters in the mouth of the Blakely River between the 1-10 bridge and the Highway 90 (old causeway) bridge.
5. **Terry Cove**
6. **Mullet Point:** beginning at Mullet Point Park ramp then running southwesterly to Tall Range "2", then southwardly to 30°23.72'N and 87°55.33'W, then running due east to terminate on shore. Seasonal, from Jan. 1 to June 30 of each year.

Mobile County

1. **Arlington Channel**
 2. **East Fowl River Channel:** from Beacon 5 and 6 to the mouth of the river .
 3. **Bayou La Batre Channel:** from Bayou La Batre Channel B.C. Beacon to the mouth of Bayou La Batre
 4. **Dauphin Island Bay**
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RECREATIONAL TED EXEMPTION:

No power or mechanical advantage trawl retrieval system allowed on board boat. **(all gear must be retrieved by hand).**

LICENSE PURCHASING

NOTE: Licenses may be purchased by mail. Make check or money order payable to: Marine Resources Division. Mail to License Clerk, Marine Resources Division, P.O. Box 189, Dauphin Island, AL 36528 or P. O. Drawer 458, Gulf Shores, AL 36547.

Be sure to include boat registration number, **copy of owner's drivers license**, and include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

This information sheet has been prepared for general information purposes only. **Shrimping regulations are subject to change.** For information updates and copies of laws/regulations, you may phone the Dauphin Island office at 251-861-2882 or Gulf Shores office at 251-968-7576.

A 24-hour recorded message may be accessed by calling 251-968-7575.

